

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SCHUYLKILL TOWNSHIP  
75 WALNUT STREET  
MARY-D, PA 17952**

The Regular meeting of the Supervisors of Schuylkill Township was held on Monday, September 11, 2017, at 7 P. M. in the Municipal Building. Those present included Charles Hosler, Charles Fayash and Frank Fabrizio. The Pledge of the Allegiance was recited.

Hosler made a motion to approve the August Regular Meeting Minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fabrizio. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$410,453.41 total in bank accounts. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report pending audit by Fayash; 2<sup>nd</sup> Hosler. All approved.

Replies to last month's public questions –none

Public comment on agenda items only – none

Police Report –For the month of August: 22 calls: thefts, civil complaints, fire, missing person, reportable accidents, parking complaint, domestic, harassments, traffic complaint, fraud, domestic arrest, criminal mischief, suspicious activity, welfare of person.

Code Enforcement Report-none

Roadmaster Report- Fayash stated Schuylkill Paving and Folk did come out and submit quotes. The roads looked at were South Main Street (from Sunny Drive to Walnut Street,) Mary D; Broad Street (from Walnut to dead end) Tuscarora. Schuylkill Paving's quote \$18725. Folk's quote was \$18700. Hosler stated he looked over where we stand with the budget. Liquid fuels would only have about \$8,000 left after the lights and loan payment come out. Hosler stated as of June wages & materials for Maintenance are \$67,000 so we are going to end up going over budget on that. Hosler stated if Mark's wages for the rest of the year is \$18,000; then we end up at \$85,000 with our budget of \$100,000. That is not including any materials and repairs in Maintenance. Hosler stated the budget for Maintenance is \$100,000. Fayash stated the budget is a guide and questioned how the township paved roads before then. Hosler stated the township only had one worker. Fayash stated we paved roads in the past for \$40,000. Hosler also stated the budget has more income stated coming in that will not be there because we actually received it last year which covered the township then. Fayash stated the township also has an extra \$25 from Middleport and Hosler stated the police is budget is also higher. Fayash stated it was \$35,000. Hosler stated the township is at \$24,774 up until June for the police. Fayash stated that the police should be at \$35,360 for the year and Hosler stated it is more than that because of the other taxes the township is responsible for paying. Fayash stated the township budgeted for a vehicle for \$40,000. Hosler brought up the salt shed. Hosler stated the board should push it to the October meeting until we get the September numbers in. Fayash stated we should have the companies come out for a quote for just one of the roads in order to have the numbers for the October meeting to vote on it. Hosler stated Fayash could call to see if they would quote it over the phone instead of coming out. Fayash asked Baranko if the cutoff was \$10,600? Baranko stated between 19,700 and 10,700 the township can do telephonic. The board agreed that Broad in Tuscarora was the priority of the choices for paving. The board agreed to table the decision on paving until next meeting.

Transmission quotes from Five Star \$2222.00 with one year warranty delivered and township must return the old one; and PVC \$2308.50 same warranty. Hosler questioned if Mark said how long it would take to swap it out? Fayash stated a day. Fayash stated he would ask Mark. Hosler made a motion to purchase the transmission for the International from Five Star International for \$2222.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fabrizio. All approved.

Fayash stated they have been using the brush hog for cutting weeds along the highway. Fayash stated that the teeth are worn on it and he spoke to Larry Light. Larry told him that they will put the replacement teeth on when it gets back.

Fayash stated the generators in the garage don't work and he questioned if we should get someone in to fix them or sell them. Fayash questioned if we could resell them if we got them from surplus provisions. Baranko stated he would research it.

Solicitors Report- Atty. Baranko stated the Eastern Schuylkill Planning will meet in October to finalize amendments. Baranko monitoring a property that the township has liens on that has filed bankruptcy.

Zoning Report- 10 permits issued 0 variances

#### Committee Reports

Council of Government—none

Tax Collection Committee—none

Recreation Committee—none

#### Communications

ESRP has cancelled their August meeting. The next meeting will be October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Schuylkill County Drug & Alcohol Program will be holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual recovery event “Realities of Addiction and Recovery” at Martz Hall on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. PPL emailed information on scams stating PPL will not claim they'll cut off power immediately if they don't get paid and won't pressure people into buying prepaid cards. PPL always gives plenty of notice when there's a possible risk of shutoff and they don't pressure people to use specific payment methods. If you receive a suspicious or threatening call that claims to come from another company—like a utility or a bank—hang up and contact the company directly using a trusted method, like the phone number on monthly statement. Received notification from the District Mining Manager regarding a renewed mining permit that includes the Bond Review for 2017. Hosler questioned Baranko about the mining company damaging our road. Baranko stated there is nothing in the second class township code that provides impact fees. Impact fees are strictly under the municipality's planning code. Baranko suggested speaking to the Chief about any weight restrictions on that road, but once they are properly permitted it is difficult to impede there. Baranko stated second class township code states we foot the bill for any repairs. Received notification from Pennsylvania DEP that they approved Water Quality Permits for the Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline. SKIP will hold their annual county cleanup September 11<sup>th</sup>-September 23<sup>rd</sup>. For our area Tamaqua Transfer Station will be collecting the week of September 18<sup>th</sup>. The county will not be accepting televisions or electronics. Some items have fees for recycling. The complete flyer will be available at the local post offices and outside the township building on bulletin board. John Blickley, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, emailed wanting to know if we are interested in Schuylkill Alert; being able to send messages out to residents. Hosler stated there is no cost and the township could send messages to residents if residents choose to sign up. Hosler made a motion. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fayash. All approved. September is National Preparedness Month. Reminder to make a plan for yourself, family, & friends. Plan to help your neighbor and community. Practice and build out your plans. Get involved and be a part of something larger. For more information go to [www.scema.org](http://www.scema.org).

Old Business- The Tuscarora Fire Company is looking for the board to finance this purchase of pressure system for the air tanks of \$45,000 over the next few years. Hosler stated the township will research it. Hosler stated the LST are for the people that work in the township but it won't generate as much money as previously thought. Hosler stated we will have to look into other funding options. Hosler discussed the frequency of the use of the apparatus needed by the fire company and partnering up with other fire companies such as Tamaqua.

### New Business

Joe and Brenda Denning donated 4 more flags in honor of their son's 20 years of service in USAF. Major Joseph C Denning III retired on 2/1/17. Fayash thanked them for their donation and their son's service. Schuylkill County Township Officials Convention will be held October 18, 2017 at Mountain Valley Golf Course. Also the 2017 Township Officials Association Dues are due in the amount of \$75.00. Hosler made a motion for the 2017 Township Officials Association Dues at \$75.00 and if anyone wants to attend the convention. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fayash. All approved. LTAP training course "Salt & Snow Management/A2" is scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am at Wayne Township/Schuylkill Haven. Quotes on Minute book: Government Forms & Supplies: \$85.00 and Numbered filler paper (250pg) \$55.00 and shipping approximately \$14.92. For a total of \$154.92. Spectra Associates: \$185.50 (minute book & filler paper) and shipping \$16.50. For a total of \$202.00. Hosler made a motion to purchase the minute book and filler paper from Government Forms & Supplies for \$154.92. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fabrizio. All approved. Quotes on new office computer: Cloud Services \$1,213.99 Frank Fabrizio \$1,175.00. Hosler questioned if Fabrizio would be able to transfer all the information and programs. Fabrizio stated the only program in question would be Microsoft Office but if it was outdated it would have to be purchased separately for the Fabrizio and the Cloud Service Quote. Hosler made a motion to purchase new office computer from Frank Fabrizio for \$1,175.00. Fayash second. Fabrizio abstained.

### Public Comment-

Bridget Leskin, Brockton, expressed concern about speeding and vandalism on Valley Street in Brockton.

Joe Leskin, Brockton, expressed concern about amount of speeding and lack of giving out speeding tickets in the township. Leskin also expressed concern about people running stop signs in Brockton. Leskin also questioned about the purchase of a PA system.

Douglas Royer, Tipton questioned a commonway/paper road on 90 Back Street Mary D because he is purchasing the property. Royer stated that the courthouse does not have any record of ownership for the property between 90 and 91 Back Street. Atty. Baranko stated if the property is unopened street that it reverts split half and half between both sides. Baranko suggested that Royer's title company look into that. Baranko stated it is not the township's property.

Fayash made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> Hosler. All approved.

Adjourned

Attest:

Colleen Barrett